

1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked-up version showing the amendments thereto is attached. No new matter has been added.

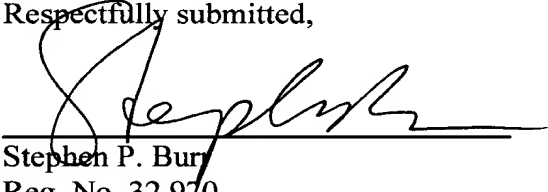
Claims 1-30 are pending herein. Applicants have amended claim 16 to correct matters of form. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked-up version of claim 16 showing the amendments thereto is attached. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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**In the Specification:**

Changes made to page 50, lines 11-22, are as follows:

Next, the second method is shown in FIG. 14. In this method, an intermediate product of the display device 50, in which the optical waveguide plate 14 is allowed to abut against the crosspiece 56 with the light-shielding layer 60 intervening therebetween, is placed in the vacuum packaging bag 80 in a state of being enclosed in a frame 202. Subsequently, the interior of the vacuum packaging bag 80 is vacuum-evacuated. Accordingly, it is possible to effectively reduce any inconvenience which would be otherwise caused by the concentration of stress in the vicinity of the ends of the actuator substrate ~~14~~12 and the optical waveguide plate 14.

Changes made to page 82, lines 20-23, are as follows:

In this embodiment, the planar configuration of one actuator element 18 (or picture element assembly 9058) is substantially a rectangular configuration with chamfered four corners.

**In the Claims:**

Changes to claim 16 are as follows:

16. (Amended) A method for producing a display device, comprising:
- a step of forming a crosspiece for surrounding an actuator element on any one of an optical waveguide plate and an actuator substrate having said actuator element;
  - a step of forming a picture element assembly precursor on said optical waveguide plate;

a step of joining said actuator substrate and said optical waveguide plate to one another by the aid of said crosspiece precursor and said picture element assembly precursor, and arranging said picture element assembly precursor on said actuator element;

a step of hardening said picture element assembly precursor on said actuator element to form a picture element assembly; and

a step of hardening said crosspiece precursor to form a crosspiece, wherein:

said picture element assembly is allowed to make pressed contact with said optical waveguide plate in accordance with shrinkage caused by hardening of said crosspiece precursor.